

REMARKS

Claims 1-88 are pending in the application. In the Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2004, it was indicated that claims 1-12, 22-23, 25, 26, 28 -43, and 46-50, are rejected; claims 13, 24, 44 and 45 were objected to, but were indicated to be allowable if amended to incorporate the base claim from which each depends and any intervening claims; and claims 14-21, 27 and 51-88 were allowed. In this response, claims 1-13 and 22-50 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuit in a continuing application and without prejudice to any of the rejections made thereof. Claims 14-21 and 51-88 are now pending. Reconsideration and Allowance of the present application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

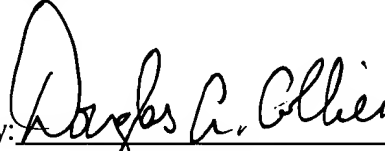
The Advisory Action indicates that claim 27 is allowed; however, since it depends indirectly from a rejected base claim 22 it is believed that claim 27 was intended to be objected to. In any event, claim 27 has been cancelled in this response.

The claims have been cancelled in this response in order to advance the prosecution of the present application to allowance. No acquiescence in the rejections made of the cancelled claims or surrender of any equivalents of any scope between the allowed and rejected claims is intended as the cancelled claims are intended to be pursued in a continuing application.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the present application as amended and including claims 14-21 and 51-88 is respectfully requested. These amendments and remarks do not introduce new matter or limit the scope of coverage available under the doctrine of equivalents. Action towards a notice of allowance for this application is hereby solicited. The undersigned would welcome an interview with the

Examiner to resolve any outstanding issues that might arise with respect to the present application.

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